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1. CONGEN ZAGREB HAS BEEN ABLE TO LEARN SOME BACKGROUND WHICH PLACES MARCH 13 "ILLEGAL" ASSEMBLY OF STUDENTS AT ZAGREB PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY IN SOME PERSPECTIVE. AS REPORTED IN WELL-BURIED (P.37) VECERNJE NOVOSTI ARTICLE MARCH 14, LC MEMBERS WERE "PHYSICALLY ATTACKED AND REMOVED FROM THE ROSTRUM BY FORCE" AT MEETING WHICH WAS CONVENED BY STUDENT GROUP WHICH CALLS ITSELF "NEW LEFT". MEETING INTENDED TO PROTEST INVESTIGATIVE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED AGAINST PHILOSOPHY STUDENTS MARIO RUBBI AND LINA VELJKO FOR HAVING OPENLY CALLED UPON STUDENTS TO RESIST POLICY OF LC AND FOR HAVING GIVEN INTERVIEW TO WEST GERMAN TV IN WHICH THEY CONDEMNED ACTIVITY OF LC LEADERSHIP AT ZAGREB PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY AND CRITICIZED THE YUGOSLAV SOCIAL SYSTEM. ARTICLE STATED MAJORITY OF STUDENTS ATTENDING REFUSED TO TAKE PART IN VOTE TO APPROVE PROTEST AND CLAIMED LOUDEST ANTI-PARTY NOISE CAME FROM STUDENTS FROM OTHER FACULTIES.

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2. CONGEN HAS LEARNED THAT SOME STUDENTS AT MARCH 13

MEETING ALSO EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO NEW UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH SET UP IN ZAGREB AFTER DISBANDMENT OF ZAGREB STUDENT FEDERATION ON GROUNDS THAT FORMER WILL BE ORGANIZED TO SPLIT COMMUNIST FROM NON-COMMUNIST STUDENTS. CONGEN UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE IS ACTUALLY VERY LITTLE SUPPORT FOR PARTY REPRESENTATIVES AMONG PHILOSOPHICAL STUDENTS GENERALLY AND THAT LW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTIES CONTRIBUTE SUPPORT FOR "NEW LEFT" AT FORMER.

3. RUBBI WAS HEAD OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED AT JAN 9 ASSEMBLY (ZAGREB 039) AND WAS ALSO, ALONG WITH VELJKO, A MEMBER OF EDITORIAL BOARD OF ZAGREB UNIVERSITY PAPER STUDENTSKI LIST. ONLY ZAGREB PRESS COMMENTARY WAS VUS PIECE MARCH 20 WHICH CLAIMED MARCH 13 MEETING BEGAN NOISILY BUT THAT AFTER "SEVERAL HOURS" OF SOMETIMES HEATED DISCUSSION MORE MODERATE ELEMENTS TOOK OVER. IT MADE NO MENTION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST VELJKO AND RUBBI, AND IT IS STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN ARRESTED.

4. COMMENT. REPORTS OF MEETING FROM PRIVATE SOURCES IN ZAGREB DESCRIBE IT AS LESS DISORDERLY THAN PICTURED IN PRESS. IT SEEMS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT PARTY IS FACING DIFFICULT TASK IN ATTRACTING SUPPORT FOR ITS POLICIES AMONG STUDENT BODY AT ZAGREB UNIVERSITY.
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